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1. "In 1953/1954 the following chemical combines in the Northern Urals were the largest producers of various explosives for the factories of artillery ammunition and the artillery bases of the USSR:

- a) The Bereznikovski Chemical Combine in the town of Berezniki on the Kama river in the Molotovsk oblast. This year 1954 the above Combine has roughly 22,000 workers, employees and engineers.

The Bereznikovski Chemical Combine consists of the following plants:

The Bereznikovski soda plant  
The Bereznikovski nitrate-fertilizer plant  
The Bereznikovski potassium plant  
The Bereznikovski hydrochloric acid plant  
The Bereznikovski sulphuric acid plant  
The Bereznikovski nitric acid plant  
The Bereznikovski drug plant  
The Bereznikovski dye plant  
The Bereznikovski explosives plants which produce:

Dinitrotoluol  
Trinitrotoluol  
Xylol  
Tetrile /sic/  
Dinitrophenol

The Combine has its own large power station which uses the local so-called 'kizelevski' coal. The Combine also mines its own raw material.

- b) The Gubakhinski Chemical Combine in the town of Gubakha, 90 km south of Berezniki in the Molotovsk oblast.  
In 1954 this Combine had roughly 24,000 workers, employees and engineers.

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It consists of the following plants:

The Gubakhinski coke-chemical plant No. 1  
 The Gubakhinski coke-chemical plant No. 2  
 The Gubakhinski phenol plant  
 The Gubakhinski potassium nitrate plant  
 The Gubakhinski gunpowder plant  
 The Gubakhinski toluol plant  
 The Gubakhinski trotyl plant  
 The Gubakhinski melinite plant  
 The Gubakhinski tin plant

The Combine has its own large power station operating on local coal.

- c) The Solikamski Chemical Combine in the town of Solikamsk, 50 km north of Berezniki. The Combine consists of the following plants:

The Solikamski soda plant  
 The Solikamski salt plant  
 The Solikamski potassium plant  
 The Solikamski hydrochloric acid plant  
 The Solikamski fertilizer plant

The Combine has its own power station using local coal and is mining its own raw materials.

2. "In 1954 high tension electric lines were being built from the 'Kamages' (hydro-electric power station) to the above three combines. As soon as the 'Kama Reservoir' is ready, the combines will have a navigable waterway to the Volga."

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